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- ☒ Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending patent applications, which are also listed on the accompanying PTO-1449:

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10/892034	07/15/2004
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10/786681	02/25/2004
11/946622	11/28/2007
10/633204	07/30/2003
11/031607	01/06/2005
11/250241	10/14/2005
12/016788	01/18/2008
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12/134911	06/06/2008
12/136530	06/10/2008
12/367851	02/09/2009
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11/031258	01/07/2005
10/047631	10/23/2001
09/746670	12/22/2000
10/600257	06/20/2003
09/775775	02/02/2001
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10/633204	10/07/2005 Response to Non-Final Office Action
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10/633204	06/07/2006 Non-Final Office Action
10/633204	11/07/2006 Response to Non-Final Office Action
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10/891624	10/22/2008 Response to Non-Final Office Action
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11/143012	10/31/2008 Non-Final Office Action
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09/746670	01/10/2003 Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	07/09/2003 Response to Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	09/24/2003 Final Office Action
09/746670	12/29/2003 Response to Final Office Action
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09/746670	08/11/2004 Response to Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	12/14/2004 Notice of Allowance
09/746670	03/14/2005 Request for Continued Examination
09/746670	06/17/2005 Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	08/19/2005 Response to Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	11/07/2005 Notice of Allowance
09/746670	01/26/2006 Request for Continued Examination
09/746670	10/02/2006 Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	01/03/2007 Response to Non-Final Office Action
09/746670	03/13/2007 Final Office Action
09/746670	05/14/2007 Response to Final Office Action
09/746670	09/04/2007 Notice of Allowance
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10/600257	03/24/2005 Response to Non-Final Office Action
10/600257	06/07/2005 Notice of Allowance
10/600257	09/09/2005 Request for Continued Examination
10/600257	09/27/2005 Non-Final Office Action
10/600257	11/28/2005 Response to Non-Final Office Action
10/600257	06/04/2008 Notice of Allowance
10/600257	04/17/2009 Notice of Allowance
09/775775	12/03/2002 Notice of Allowance
10/674592	11/15/2004 Notice of Abandonment
09/281872	07/03/2000 Non-Final Office Action
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09/777121	02/24/2003 Non-Final Office Action
09/777121	08/26/2003 Response to Non-Final Office Action
09/777121	10/06/2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
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09/777121	07/02/2004 Response to Final Office Action
09/777121	08/02/2004 Advisory Action
09/777121	08/11/2004 Notice of Abandonment
09/777121	08/23/2004 Request for Continued Examination/Petition to Revoke
09/777121	09/24/2004 Notice of Allowance
10/414902	02/10/2006 Notice of Abandonment

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Applicants believe no additional fee is due in connection with this submission. However, if any additional fee is due, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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